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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 8, 10-11, 18, 20-21, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoyle, Jr. et al. [US 6,115,258].

Regarding claims 1 and 10, Hoyle, Jr. et al. disclose a dual motion docking apparatus for docking a central electronics console to a component board in a chassis (figures 3, 6 and 8), the dual motion docking apparatus comprising;

- a first docking mechanism for slidably inserting the electronics console into the chassis in a first direction (220, figure 3), such that connectors (154, figure 6) on the electronics console align with connectors (152, figure 8) on the component board; and
- a second docking mechanism for moving the electronics console towards the component board in a second direction (222, figure 3), such that the electronics console connectors engage the component board connectors, thereby enabling the blind docking between the electronics console and the component board, wherein the second direction is orthogonal to the first direction (figure 3).

Regarding claim 8, Hoyle, Jr. et al. further disclose wherein the electronics console further includes retractable lateral support member (159) in a side opposite the component board (figure 3), wherein when the electronics console is in an undocked position, the lateral support members are retracted within the side of the electronics console, and when the electronics console is in a final docked position, the lateral support members extend from the side to restrain the electronics console both vertical and horizontally (figures 3, 6 and 8).

Regarding claim 23, Hoyle, Jr. et al. disclose wherein the second docking mechanism comprises:

- a handle (214) extending from a front of the electronics console (figure 3); and
- a cam mechanism (218), the cam mechanism having a portion that is held immobile by a docking base, wherein after the electronics console is slid into the chassis, the handle is pushed reward by hand to actuate the cam mechanism, which then pulls the electronics console toward the component board (abstract).

Regarding claims 11, 18, 21, 24 and 25, the method steps are inherit in the product structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 16-17, 19, 22 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in

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independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the cited of reference in combination with the prior art of record fail to teach or suggest the dual docking mechanisms with a sliding plate including a longitudinal male member that engages with a longitudinal female member on a docking base, such that one cam extends through one pair of aligned cam tracks.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 13-14 and 16-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Byrne et al. [US 6,845,015] disclose a system for replacing a component in a chassis.

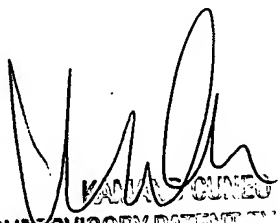
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